

April 8, 2020

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge
Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

Arena Cove Pier Repair Project

WDID No. 1B20031WNME; ECM PIN CW-865466

Mendocino County

On March 9, 2020, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Point Arena (applicant), requesting Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) for activities associated with the Arena Cove Pier Repair Project (project).

Project Location

The proposed project is located at the Arena Cove Pier in the City of Point Arena at latitude 38.915°N and longitude 123.711°W. The proposed project will cause disturbance to jurisdictional waters associated with the floor of the Pacific Ocean.

Project Description

The Arena Cove Pier was damaged by unusually large waves during a storm on January 15, 2016. Nine fender piles were torn off the pier and the boarding float guide pile was sheared off at the ocean floor. The damage was classified as a disaster by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The proposed project involves repairs and replacement of the damaged and missing fender piles and boarding float guide pile. The damaged fender piles consist of pressure treated wood poles approximately nine-inches diameter and 50-feet long. The poles were anchored into the ocean floor using land-based pile driving equipment and secured to the concrete pier deck. Damaged fender piles will be fully removed or cut off two feet below the mud line if full removal is not possible. New pressure treated wood poles will be installed in-kind using land-based vibratory pile driving equipment. New pressure treated poles will be wrapped to prevent leaching. The broken guide pile consisted of a 10.75-inch diameter steel tube driven into the ocean floor. A new steel tube guide pile will be installed in-kind using land-based vibratory pile driving equipment.

Project Timeline

The project will be implemented as soon as possible after permits are obtained. Construction activities are expected to take 30 days.

Receiving Waters

Pacific Ocean

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Impacts

The proposed project will not result in additional permanent impacts to the ocean floor. Approximately 5.2 square feet of ocean floor will be temporarily impacted by installation of new piles at the same locations as the damaged piles.

Mitigation for Project Impacts

Compensatory mitigation is not required.

Other Agency Permits

The applicant has applied for authorization from the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Nationwide Permit No. 3, Maintenance, pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The applicant has also submitted applications for a Coastal Development Permit and a State Lands Commission Lease.

CEQA

The City of Point Arena, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, filed a Notice of Exemption, Declared Emergency and Statutory Exemption Section 15269 (Emergency Project), on November 11, 2019, pursuant to CEQA guidelines. The Project is also Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 (Reconstruction).

Public Comments

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all phone calls and comments submitted in writing and received within a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801 or Dean.Prat@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The Regional Water Board's project file includes the application for certification and additional details of the proposed project, including maps and design drawings. Project documents and any comments received are on file and may be reviewed or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.